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Applicants: PHILIPPE MALCORPS

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: FERMENTED BEVERAGE WITH BEER WORT BASE, METHOD

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## RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks United States Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed July 27, 2000, Applicants hereby elect the species of (ii) pectins. This election is made without traverse.

## REMARKS

In the office action mailed July 27, 2000, the Examiner required Applicants to elect between the following patentably distinct species: (i) starch derivatives; (ii) pectins; (iii) carrageenan; and (iv) gums. By the present paper, Applicants elect the species of group (ii) -- namely, the pectins. Of the pending claims, claims 22-27 are

made without traverse.

An early action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe an additional amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, he is hereby invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

No fee is believed to be due as a result of this response. Should the Commissioner determine that a fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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